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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents which were cited in an International Search Report that was mailed on November 25, 2003, with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/11671, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage:

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. SHO 58-37833, together with a partial English language translation of the same; and

Japanese Utility Model No. 3061986, together with a partial English language translation of the same.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner applying

Japanese rules to the Japanese claims are set forth in the International Search Report, a copy of which was filed in the present application on August 31, 2004.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

U.S. Patent No. 6,329,095, which is discussed on page 2 of the present specification; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0173709.

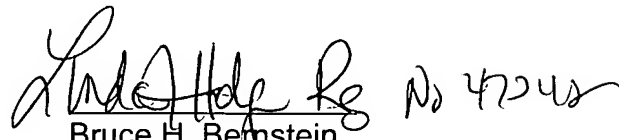
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent and U.S. patent application publication are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

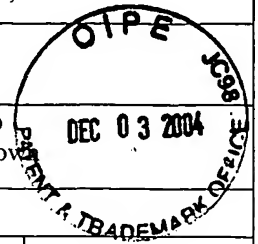
Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to
contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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		6	3	2	9	0	9	5	12/11/01	FARNWORTH et al.			
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	58	-		3	7	8	3	3	08/26/83	JAPAN				
		3	0	6	1	9	8	6	06/23/99	JAPAN				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		1	Partial English Language translation of JP 58-37833.
		2	Partial English Language translation of JP 3061986.

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